

## **APPENDIX 5A**

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### **Farmland Rating Form and Correspondence**



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6/13/2007

Heidi Spoor  
HDR Engineering, Inc.  
3995 S. 700 E. Suite 100  
Salt Lake City, Ut. 84107-2594

Dear Ms. Spoor,

The enclosed CPA-106, Farmland Conversion Impact Ratings for Corridor Type Projects, is for your use as requested May 16, 2007.

Should there be changes in the project, please let me know and I'll make adjustments as needed.

The CPA-106 for the combined route proposal for Salt Lake and Utah Counties is for the South Freeway and 7200 W. corridors except for the acreage of Prime and Important Farmland. Entries for A, B, and C in Part III appear to need adjustment to match data in the tables from the MVC Draft EIS.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ray Grow".

Ray Grow

**FARMLAND CONVERSION IMPACT RATING  
FOR CORRIDOR TYPE PROJECTS**

<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request 5/15/07	4. Sheet 1 of <u>1</u>		
1. Name of Project <b>Mountain View Corridor</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA NRC S</b>			
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway</b>		6. County and State <b>Salt Lake County, Utah</b>			
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>May 17, 2007</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Ray G. Grou</b>		
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated <u>100</u> Average Farm Size <u>116</u>			
5. Major Crop(s) <b>hay and grain</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <u>0</u> %		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <u>100</u> %		
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>Prime Farmland Rule</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>Salt Lake Soil Survey</b>		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		
<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Salt Lake County</u> Alt.</b>			
		Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		<b>22</b>	<b>64</b>		
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services		<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>		
C. Total Acres In Corridor		<b>25</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		<b>22</b>	<b>30</b>		
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		<b>0</b>	<b>34</b>		
C. Percentage Of Farmland In County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>		
D. Percentage Of Farmland In Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>		
<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>		<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>		
<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>		Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use		15	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use		10	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed		20	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		20	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		10	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		25	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	
8. On-Farm Investments		20	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		25	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		10	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	<b>85</b>	<b>85</b>	
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	<b>58</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>0</b>
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		260	<b>143</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>
1. Corridor Selected: <b>To be determined</b>	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. Reason For Selection:					

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

NOTE: Complete a form for each segment with more than one Alternate Corridor

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<b>PART I (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		3. Date of Land Evaluation Request <b>5/15/07</b>	4. Sheet 1 of <b>1</b>		
1. Name of Project <b>Mountain View Corridor</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA NRCS</b>			
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway</b>		6. County and State <b>Utah County, Utah</b>			
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>May 17 2007</b>	2. Person Completing Form <b>Ray Grow</b>		
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form). YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size <b>489</b>   <b>150</b>			
5. Major Crop(s) <b>Alfalfa hay and small grains</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>0</b> %		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>616</b> %		
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>Prime Farmland Rule</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>Utah Central Soil Survey</b>		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		
<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Utah County NH</u></b>			
		Corridor C	Corridor D	Corridor E	Corridor F
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		<b>198</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>174</b>	
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services		<b>43</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>64</b>	
C. Total Acres In Corridor		<b>241</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		<b>198</b>	<b>117</b>	<b>174</b>	
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		<b>49</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>49</b>	
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>21</b>	
<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>		<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>	
<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>		Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use	15	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>	
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use	10	<b>9</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed	20	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government	20	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average	10	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland	25	<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services	5	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>3</b>	
8. On-Farm Investments	20	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services	25	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use	10	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS	<b>160</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		<b>100</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>65</b>
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		<b>160</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>85</b>
TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)		<b>260</b>	<b>155</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>150</b>
1. Corridor Selected: <b>To be determined</b>	2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:	3. Date Of Selection:	4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used? YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
5. Reason For Selection:					

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

DATE

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1. Name of Project <b>Mountain View Corridor</b>		5. Federal Agency Involved <b>FHWA</b>			
2. Type of Project <b>Roadway</b>		6. County and State <b>Salt Lake and Utah Counties, Utah</b>			
<b>PART II (To be completed by NRCS)</b>		1. Date Request Received by NRCS <b>May 17, 2007</b>		2. Person Completing Form <b>Ray Grady</b>	
3. Does the corridor contain prime, unique statewide or local important farmland? (If no, the FPPA does not apply - Do not complete additional parts of this form).		YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>		4. Acres Irrigated   Average Farm Size <b>362   130</b>	
5. Major Crop(s) <b>Alfalfa, small grains</b>	6. Farmable Land in Government Jurisdiction Acres: <b>0</b> %		7. Amount of Farmland As Defined in FPPA Acres: <b>362</b> %		
8. Name Of Land Evaluation System Used <b>Prime Farmland Rule</b>	9. Name of Local Site Assessment System <b>soil surveys in S.C. + Utah co.</b>		10. Date Land Evaluation Returned by NRCS		
<b>PART III (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>		<b>Alternative Corridor For Segment <u>Combined</u></b>			
		Corridor A	Corridor B	Corridor C	Corridor D
A. Total Acres To Be Converted Directly		<b>316</b>			
B. Total Acres To Be Converted Indirectly, Or To Receive Services		<b>46</b>			
C. Total Acres In Corridor		<b>362</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>PART IV (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information</b>					
A. Total Acres Prime And Unique Farmland		<b>0</b>			
B. Total Acres Statewide And Local Important Farmland		<b>83</b>			
C. Percentage Of Farmland in County Or Local Govt. Unit To Be Converted		<b>&lt; 1%</b>			
D. Percentage Of Farmland in Govt. Jurisdiction With Same Or Higher Relative Value		<b>&lt; 1%</b>			
<b>PART V (To be completed by NRCS) Land Evaluation Information Criterion Relative value of Farmland to Be Serviced or Converted (Scale of 0 - 100 Points)</b>		<b>75</b>			
<b>PART VI (To be completed by Federal Agency) Corridor Assessment Criteria (These criteria are explained in 7 CFR 658.5(c))</b>		Maximum Points			
1. Area in Nonurban Use		15	9		
2. Perimeter in Nonurban Use		10	6		
3. Percent Of Corridor Being Farmed		20	9		
4. Protection Provided By State And Local Government		20	9		
5. Size of Present Farm Unit Compared To Average		10	6		
6. Creation Of Nonfarmable Farmland		25	11		
7. Availability Of Farm Support Services		5	3		
8. On-Farm Investments		20	12		
9. Effects Of Conversion On Farm Support Services		25	15		
10. Compatibility With Existing Agricultural Use		10	5		
TOTAL CORRIDOR ASSESSMENT POINTS		160	85	0	0
<b>PART VII (To be completed by Federal Agency)</b>					
Relative Value Of Farmland (From Part V)		100	75		
Total Corridor Assessment (From Part VI above or a local site assessment)		160	85	0	0
<b>TOTAL POINTS (Total of above 2 lines)</b>		260	160	0	0
1. Corridor Selected: <b>To be determined</b>		2. Total Acres of Farmlands to be Converted by Project:		3. Date Of Selection:	
				4. Was A Local Site Assessment Used?  YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
5. Reason For Selection:					

Signature of Person Completing this Part:

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SUBJECT: LNU - Field Office Workload Reduction - Farmland Protection Policy Act (FPPA)

TO: Regional Conservationists  
State Conservationists

File Code: 410

This addresses item #12 of the Chief's July 15, 1998, letter on Field Office Workload Reduction regarding the administrations of the FPPA. It recommended to stop making determinations under the FPPA where local zoning takes precedence, specifically, for bridge replacement, road widening, new roads, and for conversion less than one acre. We have reviewed the request and agree that in most cases, this action results in an unnecessary workload and paperwork.

In 7 CFR Part 658, section 658.2 (a) defines farmland as prime and unique or of statewide or local importance. It does not include land already in or committed to urban development or water storage. Section 658.4 (a) also indicates that an agency may determine whether or not a site is farmland or request Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) to make that determination on form AD-1006.

It is not unrational to assume that when funds have already been committed for utilities, water lines, and road replacement and widening, the land is committed to development and can be exempt from having to make a determination. We also recognize that the last farm syndrome in town is not enough to support an agricultural infrastructure, or if it is, not for very long. This syndrome may be tantamount to preserving green or open space which is a local issue and decision. It can be strongly argued and supported by most processes used by local units of government to assess the conversion commitments, that farmland in the above situations does not fit the definition of farmland as defined in the FPPA implementing regulations.

Thus, pending a proposed action to have an interagency task force to review and propose modifications to both the FPPA statute and the codified rules, I am suspending the requirement to make determinations on farmland that is already committed to development through local actions.

If you have further questions, please call Fen C. Hunt at (202) 720-7671.

*Thomas A. Weber*  
Acting for  
THOMAS A. WEBER  
Deputy Chief for Programs

OPTIONAL FORM 99 (7-90)

## FAX TRANSMITTAL

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Joan Comanor, Director, RCCD, NRCS, Washington, D.C.  
Fen Hunt, Land Use Planner, RCCD, NRCS, Washington, D.C.

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Message

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**Ulrich, Carrie L.**

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**From:** Spoor, Heidi K.  
**Sent:** Thursday, April 12, 2007 4:46 PM  
**To:** Ulrich, Carrie L.  
**Subject:** FW: MVC - Farmlands

**From:** Henline, Judy - Salt Lake City, UT [mailto:Judy.Henline@ut.usda.gov]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 11:45 AM  
**To:** Spoor, Heidi K.  
**Subject:** RE: MVC - Farmlands

Hi Heidi,

The letter is still applicable. I haven't seen any new guidance.

Judy

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Spoor, Heidi K. [mailto:Heidi.Spoor@hdrinc.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, June 10, 2005 11:40 AM  
**To:** Henline, Judy - Salt Lake City, UT  
**Subject:** FW: MVC - Farmlands

Hi Judy,

I'm working on farmlands section of the Mountain View Corridor EIS. I'm wondering if you can tell me whether the attached determination letter is still applicable, or has the NRCS put new guidance in place? Thanks for any information you can provide.

Heidi Spoor  
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4/12/2007





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*Rec'd from Saratoga Springs  
Nov 22, 2005  
During project  
update mtg.*

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October 17, 2005

Mr. Ken Leetham, AICP  
City Manager  
Saratoga Springs  
2015 South Redwood Road  
Saratoga Springs, Utah 84043

RE: Saratoga Springs Future Planning

Dear Mr. Leetham:

Thank you for the opportunity of visiting with you regarding the holdings of the LDS Church which are currently within the city limits of Saratoga Springs and those which will be annexed in the future. Attached is a map of said properties for your reference.

At the present time, we continue to farm these properties. We would appreciate having our properties considered within all future city analysis regarding municipal services such as culinary water, sanitary sewer, secondary irrigation systems, master storm drainage and transportation planning.

We will continue our agricultural operations in the near term, but would expect that in the years to come our property will need to be considered as part of the solutions for the expected growth in the area.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark O. Staples', written over a horizontal line.

Mark O. Staples  
Manager, Strategic Planning

Attachment

cc: Brian Carrington  
Brent Chugg  
Kevin Neild

# Lehi UT Crops

